

Schools Give Answers on Bond Issue

Answers to some of the questions about the \$8 million bond issue for the Torrance Unified School District are given by the district. They are:

What will the bond issue provide?

1. Additions to the following elementary schools: Hickory, Victor, Wood, Madonna, Towers Magruder, Arlington and Hamilton.

2. Three new elementary schools: Joseph Arnold, Grace Wright, and one in the new Marble Estate development.

Additions to four high schools: Torrance High, South High, North High, and West High.

Why are the bonds needed?

- 1. To keep up with pupil enrollment increases.
- 2. To avoid half-sessions.
- 3. To keep the Torrance school plant up with population growth (which is 13 persons per day).

Will the bonds increase our tax rate?

No, the present rate will be extended, but not increased.

The bond tax rate was 83 cents in 1958. The bond tax rate this year is 87 cents.

During the period 1958 to 1962, the district has sold over \$13 million in bonds.

The bond tax rate varies from year to year but remains within a few cents of its present range because the district can bond itself only to ten percent of the assessed valuation.

When will the bonds be sold?

The bonds will be sold only as funds are needed to pay for specific projects.

It is estimated that from \$1.5 to \$2 million will be needed each year for four to five years to provide the necessary buildings and sites.

Why is the decision on the bond issue important?

Because it affects the future of the children of Torrance, and our children are our future.

Home Endures For Centuries

From New England south along the Atlantic Coast are many charming and historic homes which date back almost to the beginning of settlement in this country. Some of these homes, like the lovely old mansion in Salem, Massachusetts, which was built in 1719, are wonderful examples of the durability of wood.

Only wood of all the processed building materials currently used in home construction has been tested and time proven by centuries of use, to a degree never equalled by any other building material.

Most of these beautiful historic homes along the Atlantic seaboard have been well maintained and when properly cared for are as sound today as when they were built: 100, 200 and 250 years ago.

It is a tribute to wood's long lasting qualities that these marvellous old homes have as much grace and charm today as they did more than two centuries ago.

Although wood is man's oldest building material, and reached a peak of design potential in Colonial and Cape Cod architecture, it is equally at home in contemporary design. It is interesting to note that the pines and Douglas firs have supplied the great bulk of construction lumber for the nation's 55 million homes. The most widely used single species of lumber is Douglas fir which reaches its optimum growth in the rain blessed coastal states of the Pacific Northwest.

Advisory Board to Meet at Little Co. of Mary

A general meeting of the Medical Staff of Little Company of Mary Hospital will be held at the hospital, Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m.

Dr. Ralph Rhind, president of the medical staff, will conduct a short business meeting, followed by the introduction of Dr. Thomas R. Newitt, anesthesiologist, who will discuss "Electronics in Daily Practice."

Chapel Theater Presents 'The Devil's Advocate'

Chapel Theatre brings to its stage Morris L. West's best selling novel "The Devil's Advocate" adapted by Dore Schary. The stage play offers its audiences an emotionally-charged journey into the lives and minds of Author West's vivid characters.

The story is in present day Italy, is concerned with incidents that confront Monsignor Meredith as he investigates the possibilities of sainthood for Giacomo Nerone.

Gladys Manu, of Wilmington, who appeared on Chapel's stage in "Gigi," and "The Miracle Worker," is a seasoned director capably directing "The Devil's Advocate." She is assisted by Adrienne Held as she directed a host of actors well

known in the South Bay area. They include Tom Lowry, of Los Angeles, as Meredith; Maxine Dessau, of Hollywood Riviera, Nina; Fred West, of Playa Del Rey, Dr. Meyer; Ed Gangel, of Manhattan Beach, Nerone; Lyle Smith, of Manhattan Beach, Black; Margie True, of Manhattan Beach, Contessa; Jack Daly, of Redondo Beach, Aurelio; Noel Shire, of Torrance, Paolo; Walter Reese, of Palos Verdes, the Cardinal; Dennis Morgan, of Inglewood, Il Lupo; Rudi Medina, of Redondo Beach, Father An-

selmo; and Connie Pollock, of Hermosa Beach, Mrs. Martino.

Each is an important role in this story, each plays his character to the very pitch of emotion and excitement, keeping the audience completely absorbed throughout the play.

Set design is by Steve Sands, of Hermosa Beach, with special praise given to the stage crew managed by Sam Manu and Rudi Medina and Carolyn Schroeder; Dianne Barrera, Jim Sena, Betty Schroeder, and Phyllis Palmer who did set dress-

ing. Lighting and sound are manipulated by George Bingham, of Lawndale, and Grover Palmer, of Redondo Beach, whose split-second timing brings the audience from the present into glimpses of the past. The magnificent background scenic painting was created by the artist John Vincent Mason.

"The Devil's Advocate" will be presented two weekends at Chapel Theatre located on Smith Bros. Fish Shanty restaurant property, 4164 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance. Curtain time is

Foreign Aid Purchase From Union Carbide

A foreign aid financed order for \$70,528 worth of polyethylene has been placed with the Union Carbide Chemicals Co. plant in Torrance.

The purchase by a firm in Cairo, Egypt, is financed under provisions of the U.S. economic development program.

8:30 P.M. and admission prices are \$1.50 Fridays and Sundays, \$1.75 Saturdays. Reservations may be made by calling Box Office FR 2-9636.

Pacific State Earnings

Pacific State Bank earnings for the quarter ended March 31, were \$70,526, compared with \$83,634 for the same period last year. Total reserves rose to a high of \$36,440,651, a 29.8 percent increase over those at the end of the first quarter of 1962. Deposits increased to \$33,020,986, a 44.6 percent rise.

VOTE FOR INCUMBENT

DR. KURT T. SHERY

PERFORMANCE, NOT PROMISES

TORRANCE SCHOOL BOARD

Joseph Piatt's Views on the School Bonds

Editor:

I know that our community newspapers endeavor to print both sides of every story, and I hope that this procedure will apply to the Torrance Unified School District Bond election held on Tuesday, April 16.

My opposition to the proposed bond issue was originally based entirely on a question of principle — opposition to a proposal that would, in effect, increase the public debt and tax rate.

A substantial public relations program instituted by the school district has, however, resulted in a favorable response from many public leaders. The "brain washing" technique of the school administration and the school board was extremely successful.

It became necessary for me to substantiate my position with something more than principles. I ask that you present both sides of the story — even at this late date — and allow a jury, the voting public, to decide the issue with a knowledge of the applicable facts.

Pro—The money is needed to provide facilities for 6000 additional students — anticipated growth through 1965.

Con—The school district's own statistical report reveals that there is space in present school structures for an additional 3436 students. The increase in enrollment would not effect the district's desire for a class capacity of 33 pupils. (Publication number 47-B-62).

Pro—The school district in need of funds to build new schools and remodel old buildings.

Con—Approximately \$2,270,000 of authorized, but not issued bond dollars are available for future district projects. In addition, a surplus of \$2,151,519 is indicated for the 1962-63 school budget. This compares favorably to the 1961-62 surplus of \$2,234,998.

Pro—The new bond money is needed to provide a basis for accomplishing good long range planning.

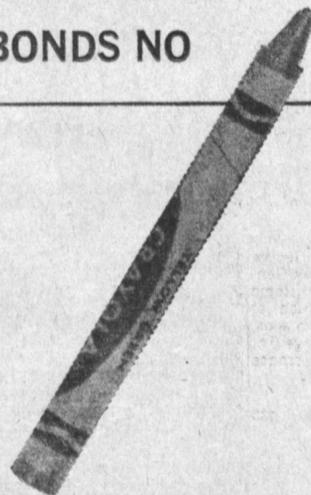
Con — Readily available funds have historically resulted in extremely poor short and long range planning by the school board and administration. Eleven elementary schools have been constructed in a North Torrance area bounded by Artesia on the north, 190th St. on the south, Western Ave. on the east and Hawthorne Blvd. on the west, on 93.5 acres of land. The area is 1.5 miles wide and 2.5 miles long. Independent analysis concludes that a minimum of \$1,600,000 has been wasted in unnecessary land acquisition and duplicate construction costs. Planning, certainly not intentional, that has contributed to such waste continues even today.

Pro—Economic practices instituted by the present board will not be influenced by passage of the bond proposal. The board determines economies in district operations.

Con—Granted, but only to a limited degree. A prime prerequisite to the practice of ultimate economy is the non-availability of "sufficient" funds. Only under these circumstances will maximum return of the tax dollar be realized. The best intentions of any group of individuals will be substantially influenced by knowledge that "sufficient" funds are available.

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The future of the Torrance schools is one of the important decisions the voters of Torrance will make at the election Tuesday. Approval of the \$8 million school bond issue is essential to maintain the degree of excellence in education that has been established and maintained in Torrance schools. The constantly increasing enrollment — 29,500 now; 35,000 by 1965 — will require new schools and additions to existing schools.

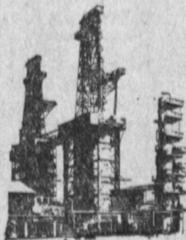
During the past 16 years, the residents of Torrance have set an enviable record of approving school bond issues which provided the school district with the funds needed to keep the school building program apace with the rapid growth of population in Torrance. During this period, 33 new schools were built to accommodate a school population that increased from 2,000 students to 29,500 students.

To continue providing adequate school facilities for the present and future generations of school children is to continue the heritage of community responsibility that has been established in Torrance. This is a tradition of which the people of this community can take great pride. This is the tradition that makes Torrance a good place to live and work.

In this election, as in all elections, it is important that all the voters of Torrance meet their civic responsibility by voting so that decisions made by ballot truly reflect the will of the community.

VOTE IN TUESDAY'S ELECTION

VOTE "YES" FOR SCHOOL BONDS



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